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## MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: New Pilot for the Defense Acquisition University Senior Service College Fellowship (DAU-SSCF) Program for Senior Level Civilian **Acquisition Corps Members** 

I am pleased to announce the deployment of a new pilot program for senior level civilian Army Acquisition Corps members starting in July 2006. This program provides up to one year of acquisition training and is designed to link the training/education of senior Army acquisition civilians with DAU, the premier institute for training acquisition professionals.

The Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) was enacted to improve the effectiveness of the personnel who manage and implement Defense acquisition programs. The U.S. Army must continue to develop its civilian leaders to meet the anticipated increasing needs for civilian acquisition leadership. Indeed, the Secretary of the Army identified leadership development as one of his "Top 10" priorities.

The DAU-SSCF Program will develop civilian acquisition leaders for critical senior leadership roles such as Product and Project Managers, Program Executive Officers and other key acquisition positions. This pilot program is endorsed by Life Cycle Management Center (LCMC) Commanders who recognize the value of such a program to the U.S. Army.

The pilot program will be conducted at Huntsville, Alabama with five to seven civilians participating. The pilot will be offered to Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) members at the GS-14 and above level, or broadband equivalent. Upon successful completion of the pilot, it will expand to other LCMCs in 2007.

Individuals who attend the program will be awarded equivalency for the Program Managers Course (PMT 401), and have the option to obtain a Master's degree in Program Management from the University of Alabama at Huntsville, Alabama. Additionally, we are seeking approval to award Military Education Level 1 (MEL 1) equivalency.

Information on the application and selection processes will be defined in an impending announcement. I appreciate your support and interest as we also continue to explore opportunities that will ensure the warfighter is provided the best acquisition support possible.

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